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SUBJECT: RUMORED MEETING OF FINANCE MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON

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1. COMMISSION DEPUTY SPOKESMAN AT TODAY'S NOON PRESS BRIEFING SAID THAT THE COMMISSION HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ASKING THEM TO LOOK AT WHAT THE COMMISSION FEELS IS AN "INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM" POSED BY REPORTS THAT SECRETARY SIMON PLANS A RESTRICTED MEETING OF FINANCE MINISTERS ON SEPTEMBER 28-29 IN WASHINGTON. SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMISSION WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE "REPETITION OF THIS TYPE OF MEETING IN A GROUP WHICH INVOLVES CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NOT OTHERS" AND WHERE THE COMMUNITY WAS NOT REPRESENTED.

2. MISSION HAS RECIEVED PRESS INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS STATEMENT. MISSION RESPONDED THAT WE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF A RUMORED MEETING, EXCEPT FOR STATEMENT BY STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN ON SEPTEMBER 17 CONCERNING PROBABLE INFORMAL GATHERING OF MINISTERS OF SOME OF THE OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES. GREENWALD

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